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SUBJECT: GSP: SECOND PETITION REVIEW

REF: A. 76 STATE 284894 B. 76 STATE 292622 C. STATE
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1. THIS MESSAGE FOR INFO IN NON-GSP BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES;
2. IN A FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF FEBRUARY 17, AND
EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED FEBRUARY 25, THE DISPOSITION OF
THE REMAINING CASES IN THE SECOND REVIEW OF PETITIONS
SEEKING CHANGES IN THE LIST OF PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP
AND COMPETITIVE NEED CHANGES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 WERE ANNOUN-
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3. THE PETITIONS SEEKING THE REMOVAL OF ALL OF THE
PRODUCTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF A, AS AMENDED BY
REF B, WERE DENIED, EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS,
WHERE THE CASE WAS LEFT PENDING AWAITING FURTHER INFOR-
MATION OR ANALYSIS. ALL OF THESE ITEMS WILL THUS REMAIN
ELIGIBLE FOR GSP, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE PENDING ITEMS MAY

EVENTUALLY BE REMOVED: 155.20, 155.30, 155.35, AND 155.75
ALL SUGER; 206.30, WOOD DOORS; 610.62, 610.70, AND 610.74,

PIPE AND TUBE FITTINGS; 653.9560, CAST IRON COOKWARE; AND
727.30 (PT) FOLDING CHAIRS ONLY.

4. OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5 AND 6 OF REF A,
AS AMENDED BY REF B, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ADDITION TO
THOSE LISTED IN REF C, WERE ADDED TO GSP EFFECTIVE MARCH 1:
105.30, DEAD BIRDS; 105.60, PLUCKED AND BEHEADED BIRDS;
126.71, PEPPER; 136.92, PEARL ONIONS (PART OF THE OLD
136.91 ONIONS, WHICH ARE NOW 136.93), 140.20, DRIED
CHICKPEAS; 140.25 DRIED BLACK-EYE PEAS; 140.35, DRIED
LENTILS; 140.38, DRIED LUPINES; 141.77, VEGETABLED PACKED
IN BRINE (ALL OF THE OLD 141.75 EXCEPT ARTICHOKE HEARTS,
WHICH ARE NOW 141.76); 146.73, BERRIES, PREPARED; 152.05
FRUIT FLOURS; 166.20, GINGER ALE ETC; 177.12 ANCHOVY OIL;
177.16, SHARK OIL; 177.22 HERRING OIL; 177.24 MENHADEN
OIL; 177.26, OTHER FISH OILS; 193.10, TONKA BEANS; AND
605.27, PLATINUM PLATED GOLD. IN ADDITION, ACTION ON
REQUESTS TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WAS POSTPONED PENDING
FURTHER STUDY AND ANALYSIS: 416.40, TUNGSTIC ACID; 417.40,
AMMONIUM TUNGSTATE; 418.30, CALCIUM TUNGSTATE, 420.32,
POTASSIUM TUNGSTATE, 421.56, SODIUM TUNGSTATE; 422.40,
TUNGSTEN CARBIDE; AND 422.42, OTHER TUNGSTEN COMPOUNDS;
423.92, COMPOUND MIXTURES CHIEF VALUE TUNGSTEN; 601.54,
TUNGSTEN ORE; 607.65, FERROTUNGSTEN AND 745.63, SEW ON
FASTENERS. REMAINING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ADDED TO GSP.

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5. THE PETITION TO WITHDRAW 682.25 AND 682.30 PERMANENT
DIRECT CURRENT MOTORS WHICH ARE HELD OVER FROM THE FIRST
REVIEW, WAS DENIED.

6. EXECUTIVE ORDER ALSO CREATES TWO NEW TARIFF NUMBERS
FOR FORMER TSUS 791.75, LEATHER WEARING APPAREL. NEW
NUMBER 791.76 REMAINS ON GSP LIST. NEW 791.74, LEATHER
APPAREL IN PART OF TEXTILE AGGREGATE WEIGHT OF WHICH
TEXTILES EXCEEDS ANY INDIVIDUAL NON TEXTILE MATERIAL
CONTAINED THEREIN, IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GSP.

7. TOTAL AMOUNT OF TRADE ADDED TO GSP AS A RESULT OF
THE PRODUCT ADDITIONS THAT WILL TAKE EFFECT MARCH 1
(THE 18 ITEMS LISTED ABOVE AND THE 26 ITEMS LISTED IN
REF C) IS 8.1 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS IS 1976 TRADE FROM
ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERN-
MENTS AND EXPORTERS, POSTS SHOULD STRESS THAT ALTHOUGH A
RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF TRADE IN NEW PRODUCTS WAS
ADDED TO GSP MORE IMPORTANTLY, NO PRODUCTS WERE REMOVED

FROM GSP, DESPITE A LARGE NUMBER OF PETITIONS SEEKING
PRODUCT REMOVALS. POSTS SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS SHOWS
COMMITMENT OF USG TO MAINTAIN OUR GSP, AND ONLY REMOVE
PRODUCTS WHERE THERE IS INDEED A SERIOUS PROBLEM CAUSED

BY IMPORTS FROM BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE THAT
POINTING OUT THAT; PRODUCT LISTS ARE RELATIVELY SECURE
SHOULD ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESSMEN IN BENE-
FICIARY COUNTRIES TO BRANCH INTO PRODUCTS THAT ARE ON
GSP AND THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXPORTED BY THEIR
COUNTRY. POSTS SHOULD ALSO INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES
THAT TOTAL VALUE OF US GSP FOR ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES IN 1977
WILL BE 3.5 BILLION DOLLARS BASED ON 1976 TRADE.
COMPARABLE FIGURE FOR LAST YEAR WAS 2.6 BILLION DOLLARS.

8. COMPETITIVE NEED CHANGES MADE IN FEBRUARY 25 EXECUTIVE
ORDER REMOVED ELIGIBILITY OF 115 PRODUCTS FOR SPECIFIC
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ITEMS WHERE COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE IN 1976 EXCEEDED THE
COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS. EXPORTS OF THESE ITEMS FROM
THESE COUNTRIES WERE 842 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1976.
COUNTRIES WERE REDESIGNATED FOR 102 ITEMS TOTALLING
31 MILLION DOLLARS IN TRADE IN 1976. COMPLETE LIST OF
COMPETITIVE NEEDS CHANGES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 BEING SENT
SEPTEL.

9. FOR US MISSION GENEVA, OECD PARIS
FEBRUARY 25 EXECUTIVE ORDER TERMINATES JANUARY 19
EXECUTIVE ORDER AND INCORPORATES ALL ADDITIONS TO GSP IN
A CONSOLIDATED LIST. TEXT FOR PURPOSES OF NOTIFICATION
OF GATT, UNCTAD AND OECD BEING POUCHED.
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